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SUBJ: INFLUENZA PREVENTION GUIDANCE

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AMPN/DASG-POPM-NC MEMO, SUBJ: ARMY ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM/

- 1. MAINTAINING OVERALL HEALTH IS A COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS MUST ENSURE THAT SOLDIERS FOLLOW THESE BASIC BUT HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM ALL TYPES OF INFLUENZA, INCLUDING AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU).
- 2. IF YOU HAVE FEVER, CHILLS AND PERSISTENT COUGH, SEEK MEDICAL CARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 3. WATCH YOUR FELLOW SOLDIERS; INSIST THAT SOLDIERS WHO ARE SICK GET MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. STAY AWAY FROM OTHERS WHO ARE SICK, BUT MAKE SURE THEY GET CARE.
- 4. WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN, ESPECIALLY AFTER SNEEZING OR BLOWING YOUR NOSE, AFTER USING THE LATRINE, AND BEFORE TOUCHING FOOD. IF RUNNING WATER IS NOT AVAILABLE, USE BABY WIPES OR ALCOHOL-BASED HAND CLEANER.
- 5. COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH YOUR SLEEVE WHEN SNEEZING OR COUGHING; KEEP YOUR HANDS AWAY FROM EYES, NOSE, AND MOUTH.
- 6. IF YOU HAVE SLEEPING COTS SET UP IN A TENT OR BUILDING, SLEEP IN A FOOT TO HEAD PATTERN AND HAVE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DISTANCE BETWEEN COTS. THE RECOMMENDED MINIMUM SLEEPING SPACE ALLOWANCE IS 72 SQUARE FEET PER PERSON.
- 7. IF YOU DO NOT SMOKE NOW, DO NOT START. IF YOU SMOKE, TRY TO QUIT. IF YOU CAN NOT QUIT, LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CIGARETTES YOU SMOKE.
- 8. PRACTICE GOOD HEALTH HABITS; EAT A BALANCED DIET, GET PLENTY OF REST, GET REGULAR EXERCISE, AND MANAGE YOUR STRESS.
- 9. DRINK LIQUIDS TO STAY HYDRATED, UP TO 1.5 QUARTS PER HOUR OR 12 QUARTS PER DAY, DEPENDING ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.
- 10. DON'T SHARE PERSONAL ITEMS WITH ANYONE, LIKE LIP BALM, TOOTHBRUSHES, RAZORS, SODAS, ETC.
- 11. GET THE FLU SHOT EVERY YEAR.
- 12. FLU PREVENTION GUIDANCE IS FOUND AT

HTTP://WWW.CHPPM-WWW.APGEA.ARMY.MIL.

- 13. AVIAN INFLUENZA VIRUSES INFECT BIRDS AND OCCASIONALLY HUMANS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH INFECTED BIRDS.
- 14. MOST HUMANS THAT HAVE BECOME INFECTED WITH AVIAN INFLUENZA HAD DIRECT OR CLOSE CONTACT WITH INFECTED BIRDS. AVOID CONTACT WITH LIVE AND DEAD BIRDS.
- 15. AVIAN INFLUENZA POSES MINIMAL RISK TO US FORCES. NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ARE CURRENTLY WARRANTED.
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